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PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Mortality during April, 1905.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, May 23, as follows:

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during the month of April, 1905.

Digestive system	29	Cancer	2
Nervous system	12	Accidents	5
Circulatory system	9	Grippe	4
Respiratory system	12	Old age	5
Malarial fever	4	Congenital malformation	5
Tuberculosis	29	Metritis	1
Diphtheria	2	Uncinariasis	5
Puerperal fever	2	Hydroemia	3
Anæmia	3		
Nephritis	3	Total	137
Syphilis	2		

WEST INDIES.

Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Examination of laborers for the Canal Zone—Smallpox on Brazilian training ship Benjamin Constant.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, May 31, as follows:

During the week ended May 27, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 steamships and 4 sailing vessels, with 185 crew, 11 cabin and 27 steerage passengers. Of this number I inspected 2 steamships, 2 sailing vessels, 80 crew, 1 cabin and 27 steerage passengers. There were 2 crew, 9 cabin and 11 steerage passengers taken on at this port.

On May 22 I viséed the bill of health of the Republic of Panama issued to the Royal Mail steamship *Orinoco*, bound to Colon, via ports on the Caribbean Sea, with 136 crew, 24 laborers, and passengers. There were 20 military invalids from Southampton, bound to Jamaica, of whom 4 were suffering from syphilis, 1 from anchylostomiasis, 2 from tuberculosis of the lungs, 2 from epilepsy, etc. I issued 19 certificates of vaccination to deck passengers for Colon and 88 to laborers recruited for work on the Panama Canal.

For the two weeks ended May 27 I examined 194 men, to ascertain their fitness to act as laborers for work on the Panama Canal, and rejected 57.

On Saturday morning, May 27, the Brazilian training ship *Benjamin Constant*, with 457 officers and men, arrived at this port 15 days from Pernambuco. At 5 a. m. that morning, while at sea, one of the midshipmen died of confluent smallpox.

The health of this island is good. No quarantinable diseases have been reported.

Report from Castries, St. Lucia Island—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Health conditions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fricks reports, May 13 and 27, as follows:

Week ended May 13, 1905: Vessels going to United States ports inspected and given supplemental bills of health, 6; vessels fumigated, 0.

Sanitary conditions around the port of Castries good. No quarantinable disease present.